

Governors' Newsletter

May 2016

To keep you up to date with recent developments and new initiatives in school, we are delighted to send you our latest Governor newsletter.

Parent Workshops

The two maths workshops have now taken place and feedback from parents has been positive. In the new term the remaining two workshops will help parents to understand the teaching of reading and writing in our school.

Reading Workshop

Tuesday 14th June—Phonics and comprehension

Writing Workshop

Tuesday 28th June—Grammar, spelling and punctuation

Refreshments will be available during these sessions.

All of the above sessions will start at 6pm and last for approximately one hour.

If you have not already signed up please pop into the office so that you can be added to the list. We would strongly encourage you to attend these events as they will give you a better understanding of how things are currently taught.

Parents Coffee Morning

On 7th June we are holding the first of our regular coffee mornings for parents. These will happen on the first Tuesday of every month. We hope that they will support you as parents. We are open to suggestions of issues that you would like to discuss and we may be able to organise guest speakers. The mornings will be informal and we hope that by working together and sharing your ideas and experiences we can all benefit.

Summer Fair

This year our school fair is taking the format of a village fete in celebration of the Queens 90th birthday. PTA are organising a produce and craft show with many categories for both adults and children to enter. There will be lots of activities during the day including a dog show, archery and maypole dancing along with the usual array of stalls and BBQ. Please support the school by selling your raffle tickets and attending the fair.

Parent Governor Elections

There will be vacancies for two parent governors from next term. If you are interested and would like to find out more about please pop into school to discuss the role with Miss Willows or make an appointment to speak to Mr Horsfield, Chair of Governors. It is important that we have parental representation on the Governing body and would urge you to give careful consideration to assisting the leadership of the school in continuing it's journey forward.

Our current Governors are:

Chair—Peter Horsfield (LEA)
Vice Chair—Nathan Mastin (Parent Governor)
Staff Governor—Sandra Horsfield
Community Governors—Sally Clifton, Helen Lee
Parent Governors—2 vacancies
Headteacher—Claire Willows

Thinktank

Earlier this term the whole school visited Thinktank Science museum in Birmingham. This visit was funded entirely by local charities costing over £1000 in total. The Governors would like to thank the charities for their contributions and the staff and helpers who went along to keep the children safe and ensure that they learned lots from the experience. We are mindful that visits such as this, whilst being invaluable in enriching the education of the pupils, can be expensive and we seek to find ways of funding these experiences to minimise the cost to parents whenever possible, for example through grants and charitable donations. Whole school visits such as this are not a usual event in our area and we feel very fortunate that we are able to do this for the children.

